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For: METHODS FOR VISUALLY SEPARATING

AN OBJECT FROM ITS BACKGROUND,

METHODS FOR DETECTING A

CAMOUFLAGED OBJECT AGAINST ITS

BACKGROUND AND DETECTION APPARATUS EMBODYING SUCH

METHODS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This application is an RCE of prior U.S.S.N. 10/627,544, filed on July 25, 2003. The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 6, 2008. Applicants kindly ask that the above-identified application be amended prior to examination as set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.